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SENATOR JENSEN: Well, LB 548 was a bill that I introduced which would have increased the tobacco settlement dollars going to the research centers or to the...for biomedical by \$2 million. And the Appropriations Committee pick that up, that \$2 million, in their appropriations package. I did not ask them to do that. That was done. So LB 548, the reason, the real reason for the bill, disappeared...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what I asked you, which...

SENATOR JENSEN: ...or went away.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...which of the budget bills is that in, LB 425 or LB 426?

SENATOR JENSEN: LB 426.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I'll focus...

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, now wait a minute, I could be wrong on that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What I'm going to do is ask the staff of the Appropriation...

SENATOR JENSEN: It is ... it is LB 426.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to ask the staff of the Appropriations Committee to identify that language and draft me an amendment to strike it from LB 426. That's a request that I'm making now because I may not have time to get over there before we get to that bill. The reason, members of the Legislature, I'm back on this amendment to LB 425, the reason I want this amendment is for the reasons that I gave on General File. State agencies should not discriminate. The reason I'm not offering a general antidiscrimination amendment is because the other groups that are likely to face discrimination are already protected under the law. There are voluntary statuses that are protected under the present law, such as marital status, and religion. Those are protected groups. They enter